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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:OVIP (AMBASSADOR ATHERTON)

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR ATHERTON'S MIDDLE EAST CONSULTATIONS
AFTER LONDON CONFERENCE

1. OUR PRESENT THINKING IS THAT ONE OUTCOME OF THE
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TRILATERAL LONDON FOREIGN MINISERS'MEETING COULD BE FOR
THE SECRETARY TO ASK ME TOPROCED TO THE AREA TO HELP
MAINTAIN THE CONTINUITY OF OUR DISCUSSIONS. IF SO, WE
WILL SEND OUT AN EARLY MESSAGE ASKING YOU TO APPROACH YOUR
HOST GOVERNMENTS, BUT NO CONTACT RE POSSIBLE TRIP SHOULD
BE MADE AT THIS TIME.

2. MEANWHILE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WE ARE THINKING OF ITINERARY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. POSTS SHOULD RESERVE HOTEL SPACE FOR PARTY OF EIGHT (INCLUDING SIX SINGLES FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STERNER, GEORGE SHERMAN, BILL KIRBY, HELEN KAMER, TWO SY AGENTS WHO WILL JOIN PARTY IN BRUSSELS AND SMALL SUITE OR LARGE DOUBLE FOR THE ATHERTONS IN SUITABLE HOTELS (KING DAVID IN JERUSALEM AND HILTON IN CAIRO). RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE WITHOUT DISCLOSING NATURE OF PARTY OR PURPOSE OF TRIP.

3. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND TRAVEL PLANS TO LONDON FOLLOW SEPTELS.

4. PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR PARTY AFTER LONDON FOLLOWS:

JULY 18-20 (TUES/THURS)LONDON

ETD 7/20 17:40 SN 610

JULY 20-22 (THURS/SAT) BRUSSELS

POSSIBLE NAC MIDDLE EAST CONSULTATIVE
MEETING 7/21 (SUBJECT SEPTTEL)

ETA 7/20 19:35

ETD 7/22 8:05 SN 641

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JULY 22 (SAT) PARIS (CDG) TRANSIT POINT

ETA 7/23 8:55

ETD 11:45 TW 806

JULY 22-24 (SAT-MON) TEL AVIV/JERUSALEM

ETA 7/22 16:05

ETD 7/24 EARLY A.M. USAF AIRCRAFT

JULY 24-26 (MON-WED) CAIRO

ETA 7/24 A.M.

ETD 7/26 P.M. USAF AIRCRAFT

JULY 26-28 (WED-FRI) AMMAN

ETA 7/26 P.M.

ETD 7/28 A.M. USAF AIRCRAFT

JULY 28-30 (FRI-SUN) JIDDA/TAIF

ETA 7/28 P.M.

ETD 7/30 EARLY A.M. USAF AIRCRAFT

JULY 30 - OPEN CAIRO OR JERUSALEM DEPENDING ON
DEVELOPMENTS

ETA 7/30 A.M.

ETD OPEN

5. COMMERCIAL CARRIERS WILL BE USED UP TO ARRIVAL IN
ISRAEL AT WHICH POINT PARTY WILL BEGIN TRAVELING BY A
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USAF AIRCRAFT FOR WHICH ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE
SEPARATELY.

6. FOR PARIS: I REGRET THAT TIGHT TIMING OF TRIP AND
DIFFICULT WEEKEND HOLIDAY SCHEDULES IN ARAB CAPITALS
MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP OFF ON THE WAY OUT, BUT ONE
MAY BE POSSIBLE ON THE WAY BACK.

7. FOR TEL AVIV/JERUSALEM: WE WILL OPERATE OUT OF
CONGEN JERUSALEM AS USUAL.

8. FOR CAIRO: I WOULD APPRECIATE MORE MODEST ACCOMMODA-
TIONS THAN LAST VISIT. SMALL SUITE OR LARGE DOUBLE
WOULD DO NICELY. AS IN PAST, WE WILL WORK OUT OF
EMBASSY. VANCE

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